IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/993,422, filed on November 5, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/783,484 filed on February 14, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/040,456 filed on March 18, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,213,894, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/631,613 filed on April 10, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,803,831, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/591,046 filed on January 25, 1996, now abandoned, and a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/542,793 filed on October 13, 1995, now abandoned, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 08/070,510 filed June 1, 1993, now abandoned. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/411,690 filed on October 1, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,290,614, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/040,798 filed on March 18, 1998.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application and entry of the amendment are respectfully requested. Claims 27 to 53 are currently pending, and no claims have been amended.

The Office Action mailed November 5, 2002 addressed claims 27 to 53. Claims 46 to 53 were rejected, and claims 27 to 45 were withdrawn from consideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that restriction to one of the following groups was required: Group I, claims 27 to 45, and Group II, claims 46 to 53.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner, Applicants' representative provisionally elected Group II, claims 46 to 53, without traverse. Applicants affirm the election of Group II, claims 46 to 53.

The specification was objected to by the Examiner. The Examiner stated that the "related applications" section needed to be updated to include the status of each application.

The specification was amended to update the status of the applications, as required by the